

REMARKS

In the application, claims 1-24 are pending and allowed.

Figures 10a-10c, 13a-13c, 14a, 14b, 23a and 23b are objected to because certain text and numbers are difficult to read. Replacement drawing pages for the identified figures are provided. No changes have been made to the drawings except to clarify portions of the drawings, and no new matter has been introduced in the replacement pages.

The Examiner has required that a substitute specification be provided in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b).

The substitute specification, designated by the header "Substitute Specification", filed herewith, incorporates all prior and current amendments to the specification. The amendments include updating of related application data, conforming of figure numbering to match the numbering in the drawings and correction of certain typographical and grammatical errors. As required by the Examiner, the references on pages 119-121 of the specification as originally filed have been incorporated into the specification. The marked up specification, designated by the header "Marked Up Specification", indicates all amendments relative to the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments to the specification.

In view of the submission of replacement drawings and the substitute specification, Applicants submit that all bases for objection have been addressed and overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all objections stated in the Office Action and issue a notice of allowance for the application.

Should the Examiner believe that prosecution of this application might be expedited by further discussion of the issues, he is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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